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(3) Dr. T. Lakshminarayana, Director of Public Health, Madras.

(4) Sri A. Raghava Reddi, Chairman, Madras City Improvement Trust.

(5) Dr. K. S. Viswanathan, Director of Public Health, Madras.

(6) Dr. Adi Subramaniam, Director of Public Health, Madras.

(7) Sri Salahuddin Ahmed, acting Chairman, Madras City Improvement Trust.

(8) Capt. D. Gnanaolivu, Chairman, Madras City Improvement Trust."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether these special councillors of the City Corporation have got the right of vote at the Corporation meetings, election of Mayor, M.L.C. election, etc."

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" No Sir."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" May I inform the Hon. Minister that these people did not attend a meeting at a time when their experience would have been of great use, especially when Government had spent so much money? "

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Questions should be asked for eliciting information and not for giving information."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Use of radios by the patients occupying the special wards of the Government hospitals in the City of Madras.

6 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether radios are used by the patients, who occupy the special wards of the Government hospitals in the City of Madras; and

(b) if so, on whose authority the use of radios is permitted in the special wards?

A.—(a) Yes, Sir, in a few cases in the Government General Hospital and in the Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras, where the use of the radio is considered beneficial to the patient.

(b) Radios are used with the permission of the Dean and the Superintendent of the hospitals, respectively.

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Amalgamation of preventive and curative sides of the Medical Services.

7 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the stage by stage progress made by this Government from the inception up to date, of the proposal to amalgamate the preventive and curative sides of the Medical Services?

A.—The policy of the Government has been to co-ordinate the activities of the Medical and Public Health departments and not to amalgamate the two departments.

Officers responsible for the sanitation in the hospitals in the City of Madras.

8 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) who is immediately responsible for the sanitation in the hospitals in the City of Madras;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the general sanitation in the City hospitals is far from satisfactory; and

(*c*) if so, what steps the Government propose to take to improve the sanitation of the City hospitals?

A.—(*a*) The Deputy Superintendent in the Mental Hospital, the Director of the Tuberculosis Institute, Egmore, and the Resident Medical Officers in the other hospitals in the City are responsible.

(*b*) & (*c*) The general sanitation in the City hospitals cannot be said to be unsatisfactory. Efforts are being made to keep the hospitals clean. One of the steps recently taken towards this end has been to restrict the number of visitors to the hospitals in the evenings by issuing passes.

Reports submitted by the Special Agricultural Demonstrators.

9 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Special Agricultural Demonstrators appointed by the Government have submitted any reports for suggesting ways and means of improvements of landed properties of the religious institutions; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken yearly on their suggestions and whether statistical figures on the improvements are reported to Government through the Deputy Commissioner and the Commissioner?

A.—(*a*) Special Agricultural Demonstrators appointed by the Government to investigate in detail the scope of increased cultivation of the lands belonging to Hindu

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religious institutions functioned till the end of the year 1948. They submitted reports suggesting ways and means for improvement of landed properties of religious institutions in the matter of both extensive and intensive cultivation and increase of production, etc.

(b) The suggestions made by the Special Agricultural Demonstrators were considered by the ex-Hindu Religious Endowments Board as and when their reports were received and suitable directions issued to the executive authorities of the institutions concerned to carry out their suggestions and report the action taken. Till 30th September 1951 the Assistant Commissioners were submitting periodical reports on the improvements effected and they were incorporated in the annual and bi-annual reports and in the fasli-wise administration reports of the ex-Hindu Religious Endowments Board. These administration reports were reviewed by the Government. The submission of these annual and bi-annual reports was discontinued after 30th September 1951 consequent on the decentralization and the vesting of the administration of the institutions in the Deputy Commissioners, Area Committees and Assistant Commissioners.

Sanction of 1363 *fasli budgets of many temples in Tiruchirappalli district.*

10. *Q.*—Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the 1363 fasli budgets of many temples in Tiruchirappalli district have been sanctioned; and

(*b*) if not, what steps the Government have taken to ensure the passing of the budgets by appropriate authorities in time?

A.—(*a*) The position as on 1st March 1954 was—

(1) Out of the 13 religious institutions in the Tiruchirappalli district under the jurisdiction of the Deputy Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department, Tiruchirappalli, budgets for fasli 1363 were received from 12 institutions and sanctioned. The budget in respect of the remaining one institution was not received, as a suit was pending in the District Court, Tiruchirappalli, claiming that the institution concerned was a private one.

(2) Out of 862 institutions in the district under the jurisdiction of the Area Committee, budgets for fasli 1363 were received only in respect of 255 institutions. Of these 253 were sanctioned and two were pending sanction. Budgets were still due from 607 institutions.

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(b) The Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department has issued adequate instructions to the Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners to obtain and sanction budgets from the religious institutions in time. The progress made in the matter is reported by them to the Commissioner, in their monthly and quarterly business returns which are reviewed by the Commissioner. Instructions have also been issued to the Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners to take disciplinary action against defaulting trustees wherever necessary.

III.—MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated the 7th and 11th August 1954, from the Hon. the Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

'(1) In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 27 of 1954), as passed by the Assembly on the 7th August 1954 and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council.

(2) In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Bhavanisagar Township Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 28 of 1954), as passed by the Assembly on the 7th August 1954 and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council.

(3) In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Public Libraries (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 29 of 1954), as passed by the Assembly on the 7th August 1954 and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council.

(4) In accordance with rule 99 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras District Boards (Second Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.A. Bill No. 31 of 1954), as passed by the Assembly on the 11th August 1954 and signed by me, for the concurrence of the Council '."

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS INSTALLATION OF OIL ENGINES (TEMPORARY PERMISSION) BILL, 1954.

* THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Madras Installation of Oil Engines (Temporary Permission) Bill, 1954[a] (L.C. Bill No. 9 of 1954) and move—

' *That the Bill be taken into consideration at once.*'

" Sir, the Statement of Objects and Reasons explains the need for this Bill. The Bill makes statutory provision for granting temporary permission for the installation in any premises, whether

[a] Published along with the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 30th June 1954—Part IV-A—Bills—Pages 215-216.